

S-E-C-R-E-T

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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED  
TRANSPORTATION LOGISTICS WORKING GROUP

RECOMMENDATION

1. That each of the IAC agency members of EIC supply a trained transportation intelligence officer to work in an integrated staff (full time in the case of G-2, Air, and CIA - to the extent of agency interests in the case of ONI and State). This integrated working group would be assigned to the development of detailed transportation estimates on priority problems on which an agreed EIC position is required.

a. The task would be the detailed calculation of Soviet Bloc transportation capabilities (specifically incorporating intelligence as to Soviet Bloc practices - in contradistinction to Western standards), and the integration of such calculations of all forms of transportation (rail, highway, water, and air) into a total agreed transportation picture of a given area. In actual practice the principal task is expected to be calculation of rail and highway transportation capabilities, because of the relative importance of these forms in Soviet Bloc military and economic logistics. Furthermore, it is in connection with these forms of transport that there has been greatest interest and most divergency of views among the various agencies.

b. The priority areas for immediate study are the WSEG (EIC-P-8) campaign area in Western Europe and Communist China. Periodic revisions of the Trans-Siberian and connecting lines estimates (EIC-R-9) and of the rail capacity estimates in the [ ] annual revision of Communist China's trade and shipping (EIC-RI series) would also be immediate assignments. Other studies would be assigned later as required for priority reasons.

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2. The group would have semi-permanent status - subject, however, to continuing review of the scope of its activities and of its total usefulness by the EIC members providing representation on the group. Individual agencies might increase or decrease their participation at any time, to reflect their specific interests and capabilities in the particular projects currently being undertaken by the integrated group.

3. The senior military or civilian intelligence officer appointed to this group should be designated as its Chief, in direct charge of its daily operations. This Chief should normally be the senior G-2 representative - reflecting the major concern of the Army for land transportation.

4. The group as a whole will be responsible, through its Chief, to the Chairman of the EIC Subcommittee on Transportation; and all studies prepared by the group will be submitted to the EIC through the TSC.

5. The CIA should provide the necessary housing, desks, files, office supplies, and typing support as a part of the EIC Secretariat functions. The CIA should also provide secretariat services through its member of the group.

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